

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2750 without my signature.

I recently established the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Affairs, which will coordinate and communicate state and federal policy impacting California's relationship with the U.S. Military, including personnel and their families; I appointed the Governor's Advisor of Military Affairs to coordinate the development of state policies that are crucial to the military and; I created the State Military Financial Protection Task Force to develop proposals for legislation to protect military personnel from unlawful financial and investment schemes. In addition, there are currently several legislatively established venues that address issues of concern facing military personnel and their families, including the California Veterans Board, the Veterans Affairs committees of the Legislature and the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Establishing another commission will only result in duplication of the efforts of the existing entities.

I am also concerned with the ability of a newly appointed commission to completely evaluate and report back on all issues facing California's military personnel and their families within a short timeframe set forth in this bill. This is a complex area and the timeframe, when compared to the scope of the tasks set before the commission, seems inappropriate.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger